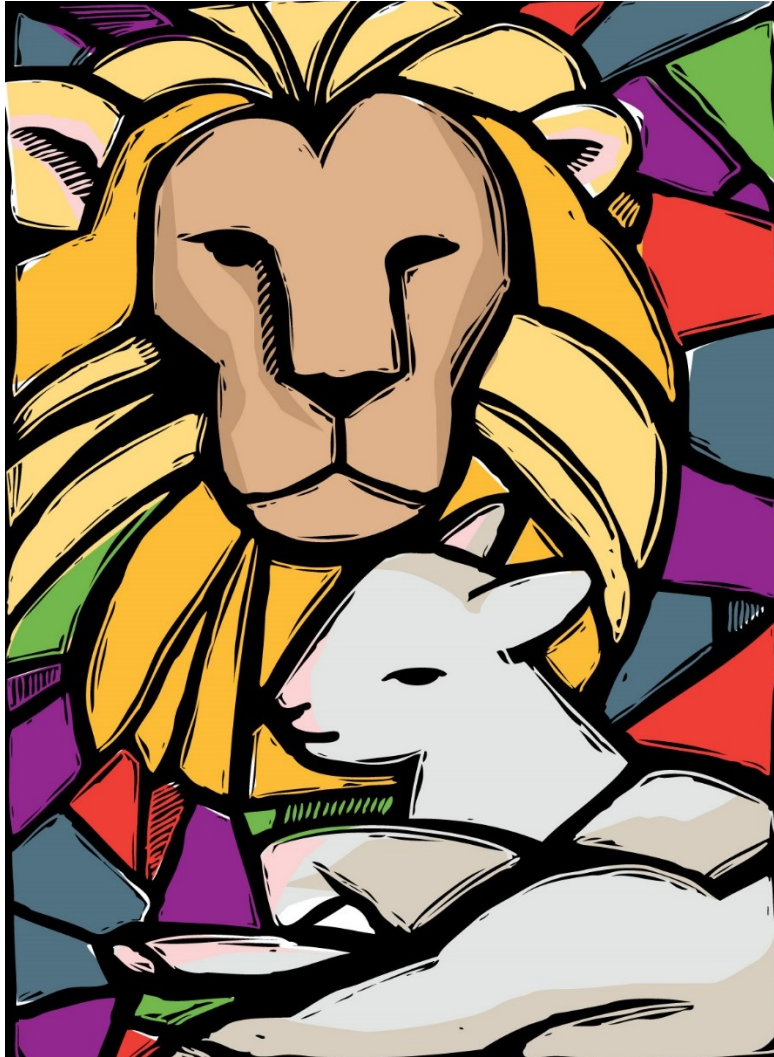


“SALVATION

belongs to OUR GOD who sits on
the throne, and to THE LAMB!”

Revelation 7:10



The Worship of God ✦ July 3, 2022 ✦ The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 3, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 4th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

We gather not to be blessed, **but to bless.**
We gather not to receive, **but to give.**
We gather to bless God,
and to give thanks and praise to God
for the life, ministry, death, resurrection,
and coming again of Jesus the Christ.
Now let us worship together with zeal. **Amen.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolyte

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Henry Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson &
Passport Kids Camp Children

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?
Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

Mrs. Kari Pierce

In Pew Bible, pages 232 & 233 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

Our Gracious God, we thank You today for the nation in which we live,
and for the freedoms which are ours. We recognize that true freedom comes through You, that
our ultimate loyalty belongs to You, and that our true identity is bestowed upon us by You.
Every day is a gift, every breath a moment to give You praise, every hour one in which to live
what You command.

**Save us from that litany of destructive behaviors which St. Paul outlined.
Lead us instead to lives which bear the fruit of Your spirit.**

Where we are guided by prejudice, **fill us with love.**
Where we are guided by pessimism, **fill us with joy.**
Where we are guided by misunderstanding, **fill us with peace.**
Where we are guided by superficial quick fixes, **fill us with patience.**
Where we are guided by self-interest, **fill us with kindness.**
Where we are guided by apathy, **fill us with goodness.**
Where we are guided by convenience, **fill us with faithfulness.**
Where we are guided by complacency, **fill us with meekness.**
Where we are guided by temptation, **fill us with self-control.**

On this weekend when we celebrate our country's independence,
we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this land:
**the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;
the ability to speak what is on our minds,
and the freedom to worship in our chosen traditions.**

Help us to recognize that such marks of human dignity are for all people,
**and that You, O Lord, love and value every person and
place You have made.**

May our patriotism be subject to Your law, O God,
our loyalty to country never higher than our obedience to Your will,
**our pride of nation always secondary
to our humble attempts to live the way of Christ.**

Knowing that You are Alpha and Omega,
we ask for the wisdom to properly order all else.
This is our prayer offered in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

All Sing: *God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:
**O God, who is the source of all good things,
we bring to You our gifts.
Enable us, along with our offerings,
to give You the love of our hearts
and the service of our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ORGAN OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 303 of New Testament

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SERMON

Top Gun, Mamma Mia, and God

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Miss Adrianna Smith, Acolyte

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

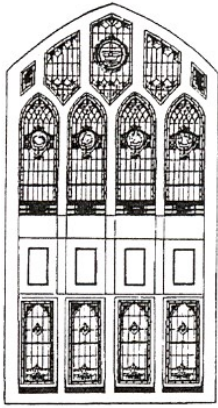
Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Debbie Magette to the glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor
Mrs. Leah Newsome
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus
Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 3, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Babies: Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Bill & Debbie Magette

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✦ Passport Kids Camp | June 27-30, 2022

Last week Dr. Gilliam, Rev. Thompson and 8 of our children participated in Passport Kids Camp on the campus of Converse University in Spartanburg, SC. Those children are Lily Ann Brinkley, Sophia Byrd, Italia Ferrante, Dempsey Pierce, Henry Pierce, Adrianna Smith, Gates Vaughan, and Katie Vaughan. Thank you for encouraging us and praying for us.

✦ Church Offices Closed | July 4, 2022

✦ Church Leadership for 2022-2023 Church Year

The Nominating Committee has begun the good work of filling leadership roles and committees. You're encouraged to prayerfully consider how you'd like to serve in the new church year which begins September 1, 2022.

✦ Vacation Bible School

July 25-28 | 4:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Age 3 through completed grade 5.

Registration forms are available online or in the church office.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to Rev. Thompson.

✦ Green Space & Playground

If you'd like to spend time in the green space and playground, contact the church office to receive the code for the gate lock.

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